

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2480

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2467

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 2467 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PODIATRISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to conform the  
definition of "podiatric medicine" to national standards regarding  
diagnosis and treatment of the foot and ankle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Medical Board, Podiatry Advisory Committee;  
Hawaii Podiatric Medical Association; Maui Medical Group, Inc.;  
Aloha Surgical Center; and twenty-eight individuals. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
the Hawaii Medical Association and three individuals. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii  
Medical Board.

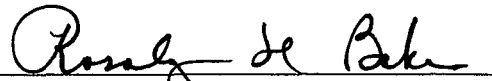
Your Committee finds that podiatrists have extensive  
training, experience, and qualifications to perform all levels of  
foot, ankle, and lower leg surgery. However, Hawaii's existing  
scope of practice for podiatrists was formulated over twenty years  
ago and does not adequately reflect the advanced surgical training  
that practicing podiatrists receive in the treatment of foot and  
ankle disorders. Your Committee further finds that forty-five  
states permit podiatrists to perform surgery on ankles, including  
the surgical treatment of ankle fractures.



Your Committee additionally finds that this measure enables podiatrists in Hawaii to perform to the full extent of their skills, training, and ability and allows podiatrists to provide the best continuity of care for their patients. Updating the scope of practice for podiatrists also ensures that patients, especially those in rural areas or on the neighbor islands, who suffer from lower extremity ailments have better access to highly-qualified health care providers trained in the treatment of disorders of the foot and ankle. Your Committee also finds that this measure will strengthen the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2467 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2467</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">CPN</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/12/14</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">V. J. J. L.</div>				
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